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DIST 16 AUGUST 1970

COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: [redacted] MEXICO, SITREP AS OF 1800 HOURS LOCAL TIME, 15 AUGUST 1970

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1. [redacted]

THERE ARE P[redacted] THIRTY POLICEMEN IN PUERTO VALLARTA, TEN OF WHOM ARE LOCAL, TEN FROM THE STATE OF JALISCO, AND TEN FEDERAL. IN ADDITION, BY THE TIME OF THE VISIT, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST ELEVEN HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL STAFF, FOUR HUNDRED MEMBERS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING WHO WILL ALL BE OFFICERS AND MIX WITH THE LOCAL POPULACE, AND SEVEN HUNDRED IN UNIFORM; SEVEN HUNDRED UNIFORMED ARMY TROOPS POSITIONED

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APPROPRIATELY AS A VISIBLE MILITARY PRESENCE; ONE HUNDRED NAVAL MEN AT SEA STATIONED ON TWO NAVAL CRAFT; AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MARINES; AND THREE HELICOPTERS. [redacted] THE UNIFORMED MEN WERE ALREADY BEGINNING TO MOVE INTO THE AREA BY BUS AND TRUCK, AND THEY WERE DOING IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN WOULD BE IMPRESSED THAT THE ARMY WAS ON THE JOB. (SOURCE: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS [redacted]

2. [redacted] SECURITY OFFICIALS WILL MAINTAIN VIGILANCE AT TEN POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE WHICH THE PRESIDENTS WILL TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT. IN ADDITION, ALONG THE ROUTE AND IN DOWNTOWN PUERTO VALLARTA SECURITY OFFICIALS WILL BE POSITIONED IN THIRTY CIVILIAN VEHICLES AND IN EIGHTY MILITARY VEHICLES; THE LATTER IDENTIFIABLE AS SUCH. AT ANY PLANNED POINT WHERE THE PRESIDENTS MAY STOP, THERE WILL BE FIFTY OR SIXTY SECURITY MEN CIRCULATING AMONG THE CROWDS. MANY OF THESE HAVE ALREADY INFILTRATED INTO PUERTO VALLARTA AND ARE UTILIZING THE COVER OF SHINING SHOES, SELLING NEWSPAPERS AND DOING

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OTHER SIMILAR JOBS. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] TACITLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN-CLOTHED SECURITY MEN COULD NOT EASILY BE ABSORBED AMONG THE LOCAL POPULACE WITHOUT BEING DETECTED). [redacted] BEGINNING 19 AUGUST ALL NON-SCHEDULED AND PRIVATE FLIGHTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE PUERTO VALLARTA AREA. (SOURCE: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS [redacted]

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTIES, SIMON R O D R I G U E Z NAVARRO, OFFICIAL OF THE LOCAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, SAID THAT HE CAN HAVE EITHER A 75 KW OR 150 KW AUXILIARY GENERATOR IN OPERATION IN ANY ZONE OF THE CITY WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER IT IS REQUESTED. (SOURCE: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL [redacted]

4. [redacted] HAS ADVISED THAT TROOPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL JOSE G A R C I A MARQUEZ, COMMANDER OF THE 15TH MILITARY ZONE, WERE BEGINNING TO MOVE INTO POSITION IN THE HILLS AND VALLEYS AROUND PUERTO VALLARTA.

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[redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] DID NOT SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF TROOPS OR THE EQUIPMENT THEY HAD.)

[redacted] IN COORDINATION WITH THE MEXICAN SECURITY FORCES [redacted] WAS DIRECTING THE DEPLOYMENT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED LOCAL UNION MEMBERS AS OBSERVERS IN THE VALLEYS AND COMMUNITIES AROUND PUERTO VALLARTA. THESE OBSERVERS WILL REPORT ANY UNUSUAL PERSON OR ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF. (SOURCE: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL [redacted]

5. [redacted] EMPHASIZED THAT THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND PRESIDENT D I A Z ORDAZ WILL BE GREETED WITH HIGH ENTHUSIASM BY VIRTUALLY ALL LOCAL CITIZENS. NO FOREIGN OR MEXICAN PRESIDENT HAS EVER VISITED PUERTO VALLARTA, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FOR THE FESTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT. [redacted] LOCAL BUSINESSMEN ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE VISIT WILL GENERATE AN INCREASE IN TOURISM AND CONSEQUENTLY A BOOST TO BUSINESS. (SOURCE: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL [redacted]

6. [redacted]

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